

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MARCH 1, 2021

The Howard County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, March 1, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. in Hearing Room 338 of the Howard County Administration Center. Those in attendance included President Paul Wyman, Vice-President Robert B. Bray, Member Jack Dodd, County Attorney Alan Wilson and County Auditor Jessica Secrease.

The meeting was called to order by Sheriff Jerry Asher and conducted by President Paul Wyman. Commissioner Bray led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Commissioner Wyman offered a word of prayer.

IN THE MATTER OF SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS/ RECONGITIONS:

EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARDS:

Commissioners congratulated the following county employees, and Mr. Bray read their Employee Service Awards into the record:

Employee	Years of Service
Melissa Gilbert	5
Lori Pickard	5
Jennifer Cauthern	5
Tracy Purtee	10
Timothy Martin	10
Jennifer Garber	10
Angela Banush	10
Heidi Simpson	10
Sarah Hobensack	15
Anthony McDonald	15
William Stonestreet	15
Mona Shoffner	15
Megan Enright	20
Danny Mossholder	20
Debra Stewart	25
Keith Myers	30

INTRODUCTION OF NEW VETERAN SERVICE OFFICER:

Commissioners Wyman introduced the new Veterans Service Officer- Dean Hockney, Mr. Hockney started with the Veteran Service Office today March 1, 2021.

NEW HOWARD COUNTY SHERIFF DEPUTY:

Sheriff Asher introduced Lindsey Needler who started with the Sheriff's Department on March 1st, 2021. Mrs. Needler was a 2007 Western High School graduate. Mrs. Needler serviced in the United States Marine Corps from 2009-2016 in Aviation Supply. Mrs. Needler Resided in California after discharge from the Marine Corps where she met her wife Gabby. Howard County Clerk Debbie Stewart swore Mrs. Needler in as a Howard County Sheriff Deputy.

RECONGNITION:

Commissioner President Paul Wyman read in to record Resolution No. 2021 BCCR-01, A RESOLUTION OF THE HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF JEFF STOUT AND RENAMING THE HOWARD COUNTY GOVERNMENT BUILDING IN HIS HONOR. The Resolution No. BCCR- 01 Howard County Board of Commissioners Recognizing the Contributions of Jeff Stout and renaming the Howard County Government Building to the Jeff Stout Government Center as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Bray, Commissioner Dodd seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of February 15, 2021, regular meeting having been previously submitted and reviewed, were approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Dodd, Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

FEBRUARY EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH AWARD:

Commissioners congratulated county employee Lorraine Mundell, Howard County's Assessor's Office, for her outstanding service. Mrs. Mundell is very reliable, professional, very detailed oriented, very through and meets all deadlines and is always willing to help her co-workers. This summer Mrs. Mundell step up to help and train a new part time person along with her regular job duties. Mrs. Mundell helped out in the Surveyor office over the summer. It is with great honor that the Commissioners extended congratulations and the memento from Kokomo Opalescent Glass to her. Pictures were taken, and congratulations were given by all.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE:

Sandy Chapin Chamber Membership Development Coordinator from the Greater Economic Development Alliance, presented an award to the Howard County Government for going above and beyond during the fight against the COVID 19 pandemic. The County Commissioners where recognized as the Greater Economic Development Alliance Chairmen's Award. Congratulations and a memento were given to the County Commissioners. Pictures were taken.

IN THE MATTER OF DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**TREASURER OFFICE:**

In the absent of Treasurer Christie Branch, Auditor Secrease presented the contract for L&D Mail Masters. Commissioner Dodd made a motion to approve and sign the contract with L&D Mail Masters. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

MAINTENACE:**Sealed Bids Jail Project Phase 3:**

Maintenance Superintendent Bill Stonestreet, presented the four sealed bids for the Jail Project Phase 3. President Paul Wyman opened and read the sealed bids as follows,

Submitted by	Base bid	Alt Bid	Insulation per Unit
R. Adams Roofing	\$403,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$120.00
AAA Roofing	\$372,800.00	\$4,500.00	\$45.00
Fredericks, Inc	\$454,000.00	\$18,000.00	no bid
Global Building Solutions	\$341,195.58	\$8,422.00	\$6.00

A motion was made by Commissioner Bray for Mr. Stonestreet to take these bids under advisement. Commissioner Dodd seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Asbestos removal at the Government Center:

Maintenance Superintendent Bill Stonestreet, presented that Air Co. removed a sizable amount of asbestos insulation from the old chiller at the Government Center and the cost was \$1,675.00. Mr. Stonestreet would like to pay this out of Cum Cap Building Repair 1138.47241. Councilman Bray made a motion to pay for the repair of the chiller at the Government Center in the amount of \$1,675.00, as presented. Councilman Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

COUNTY ASSESSOR:**PTABOA Re-Appointments:**

County Assessor Mindy Heady, presented the Re-Appointments for PTABOA for 2021 as follows, Virginia Baker, Ann Harrigan. Councilman Dodd made a motion to approve the Re-Appointments of Virginia Baker, Ann Harrigan to PTABOA for 2021, as presented. Councilman Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

HIGHWAY DEPT.:

In the absent of Amber Tolle Highway Superintendent, David Oliver Design Engineer/Supervisor presented the final acceptance for the Park Avenue Bridge for signature. The signature of the final acceptance for the Park Avenue

Bridge was submitted and approved on a motion made by Commissioner Dodd. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSSINESS:

Executive Director Steven Ray of NCIRPC, presented the Resolution-BCCR-2021-02 Authorizing Application Submission and Local Match Commitment, Resolution–BCCR-2021-03 Authorizing Local Match Commitment, these Resolutions were approved at the Commissioner’s meeting on 2/15/2021. Commissioner Wyman read into record the Resolution-BCCR-2021-02, Resolution–BCCR-2021-03 as presented. Resolution-BCCR-2021-02, Resolution–BCCR-2021-03 were submitted and approved on a motion made by Commissioner Bray. Commissioner Dodd seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS AND REPORTS:

Howard County Auditor Jessica Secrease submitted the following claims and reports for the Commissioners’ information and approval:

1. **Salary Claims:** The Commissioners’ Salary, Hourly, and Overtime Claims for payment on February 26, 2021 in the amount of \$879,561.59 were submitted and approved on a motion made by Commissioner Dodd. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
2. **Operating Claims:** The Commissioners’ Operating Claims to be paid March 1, 2021. in the amount of \$2,771,950.32 was submitted and approved as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Dodd. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bray, and the motion carried.
3. **Monthly Reports:** The following reports were received into record: Weights & Measures.

IN THE MATTER OF ATTORNEY ISSUES:

Attorney Alan Wilson, presented a Contract between the Prosecutor office and Thomson & Reuter. This is for the use of software to allow the Prosecutor office, Child Support office to keep track of parents and their Child Support Orders. A motion was made to approve the agreement with Thomson & Reuters by Commissioner Dodd. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bray, and the motion carried.

COMMISSIONERS ISSUES:

Commissioner Wyman, presented a three-year agreement with the State of Indiana with Medicaid for Incarcerated Individuals in the Howard County Jail. The agreement was submitted and approved to ratify Commissioner Wyman’s signature as presented on a motion made by Commissioner Dodd. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bray, and the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Resident Brad Semon, located at 10954 E 100 S. Greentown, In. Mr. Semon recognize the Commissioners for calling Senator Jim Buck and Voicing their opinion about House Bill 1381.

*There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners
at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 4:47 p.m. on a motion
made by Commissioner Dodd , seconded by Commissioner Bray, and carried.*

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

PAUL G. WYMAN, PRESIDENT

ROBERT B. BRAY, VICE PRESIDENT

JACK W. DODD, MEMBER

ATTEST:

JESSICA SECREASE, AUDITOR
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